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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 April 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 14 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 3 and 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2, 4, 7 and 11-13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-8508)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Inventor's Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Applicant's admissions (hereinafter AA).

Regarding claim 1, AA discloses a method of providing security mechanisms for Internet communications, said communications comprising a plurality of protocol layers including an IP protocol layer (see IP protocol layer from line 28 of page 2) and at least one protocol layer above the IP protocol layer; said method comprising:

employing Internet protocol security (see IPSEC from line 18 of page 2) authentication header (see AH from line 17 of page 2) methodology to derive a plurality of control messages (see control message from line 17 of page 2);

utilizing said control messages in a transport mode (see transport mode from line 27 of page 2) to provide control plane security; and,

providing security mechanisms, wherein said security mechanisms are utilized at one of said at least one protocol layers above the IP protocol layer (see Transmission Control Protocol 108 and the User Data Protocol 110 layers from line 29 of page 2).

Regarding claim 10, AA discloses an apparatus for providing security for Internet communications, said communications comprising a plurality of protocol layers including an IP protocol layer (see IP protocol layer from line 28 of page 2) and at least one protocol layer above the IP protocol layer (see higher layer protocol from page 6); said apparatus comprising:

at least one control message derivation module for deriving for said communications a plurality of control messages (see control message from line 17 of page 2) utilizing Internet protocol security (see IPSEC from line 18 of page 2) authentication header methodology (see AH from line 17 of page 2);

a control plane security module for utilizing said control messages in a transport mode (see transport mode from line 27 of page 2) at one of said at least one protocol layers above the IP protocol layer (see Transmission Control Protocol 108 and the User Data Protocol 110 layers from line 29 of page 2).

3. Claims 1, 3 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by S. Kent and R. Atkinson, "Security Architecture for the Internet Protocol" IETF RFC 2401, November 1998 (hereinafter IDS).

Regarding claim 1, IDS discloses a method of providing security mechanisms for Internet communications, said communications comprising a plurality of protocol layers including an IP protocol layer (see IP layer from page 4) and at least one protocol layer above the IP protocol layer (see higher layer protocol from page 6 of 62); said method comprising:

employing Internet protocol (see IPsec from page 5 of 62) security authentication header (see AH from page 4 of 62) methodology to derive a plurality of control messages;

utilizing said control messages in a transport mode (see transport mode from page 6 of 62) to provide control plane security; and,

providing security mechanisms, wherein said security mechanisms are utilized at one of said at least one protocol layers above the IP protocol layer (see upper layer protocols from page 6 of 62).

Regarding claim 3, see pages 7 and 12 of 62.

Regarding claim 10, IDS discloses an apparatus for providing security for Internet communications, said communications comprising a plurality of protocol layers including an IP protocol layer (see IP layer from page 4 of 62) and at least one protocol layer above the IP protocol layer; said apparatus comprising:

at least one control message derivation module for deriving for said communications a plurality of control messages utilizing Internet protocol security (see IPsec from page 5 of 62) authentication header (see AH from page 4 of 62) methodology;

a control plane security module for utilizing said control messages in a transport mode (see transport mode from page 6 of 62) at one of said at least one protocol layers above the IP protocol layer (see upper layer protocols from page 6 of 62).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 2, 4, 7 and 11-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 14 is allowed.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Olisa Anwah whose telephone number is 571-272-7533. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8.30 AM to 6 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Fan Tsang can be reached on 571-272-7547. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 571-273-8300 for regular communications and 571-273-8300 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2600.

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Patent Examiner
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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2614